

What our members say

When I think of Christ the peacemaker and his work carried on through ordinary people I find great joy in being a part of LPF. I believe that God will take all of our gifts, sacrifices, acts of resistance, and deeds of mercy from every time and place to accomplish God's purpose: a mended universe, Shalom!

Rev. Dan Erlander, writer, artist,
ELCA Peace Task Force member

What an opportunity LPF gives us: to be biblically faithful and socially concerned. I invite you to join me in this wonderful community of Lutheran peacemakers.

Dr. Marva Dawn,
theologian, author, educator

LPF's Training Program opened my eyes and has helped me so much!

Luis Ochoa, student

Through the effort and creativity of each of us and of organizations like Lutheran Peace Fellowship, Christ comes as peace into this aching world. To keep the beautiful work of LPF moving takes our prayer-filled contribution.

Rev. Ann Helmke, director,
San Antonio PeaceCenter

The gospel witnesses to peaceful unity in the midst of diversity. That is what this troubled world needs and what the Spirit of God empowers us to help create. Thank you for joining with LPF and supporting this vital ministry.

Rev. Lowell Erdahl, Bishop
Emeritus, St. Paul Area Synod



Pray for peace. Work for peace.
Become part of the growing
community of peacemakers that is
Lutheran Peace Fellowship:
 \$35, regular contributor, \$19, new member,
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For further information on the programs, issues, resources, and activities outlined here, please go to: www.lutheranpeace.org

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Responding to the Gospel Call to be Peacemakers

Lutheran Peace Fellowship



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"Do not be conformed
to this world, but be
transformed.

Live in
harmony
with one another.

Do not repay
evil for evil.

If your enemies are
hungry, feed them."

Romans 12

Lutheran Peace Fellowship



Daniel W. Erlander

Lutheran Peace Fellowship (LPF) is a network of Lutherans across the U.S. and around the globe, responding to the Gospel call to be peacemakers and justice seekers. LPF offers the opportunity to join others in a caring community of education, prayer, and action.

Priority LPF Programs

1. LPF's Core Mission is to oppose violence, war, and injustice; and to respond to the gospel call to practice and share the way of Jesus: the biblical vision of *Shalom*, of justice and active nonviolence.

2. **LPF Advocacy Priorities** include soaring U.S. military budgets, conflicts around the globe, world hunger, veterans' issues, gun violence, human rights, and our militarized foreign policy.
3. **Leadership** forums and weekend workshops – in 30 cities so far – equip and support Lutheran leaders to better serve their congregation, youth or women's group, service program or community.

What LPF Offers

- ❖ **LPF peace resources** help congregations and individuals discuss and respond to such challenges as the path to genuine security, the roots of hunger and global conflict, youth and the military, etc. A million people have used LPF computer activities.
- ❖ **Our forums and workshops** for congregations, youth groups, and events – 100 a year on average – explore Biblical peacemaking, conflict skills, leadership, media violence and other topics.
- ❖ **Mobilizing for peace:** Many congregations, 31 ELCA synods, and the Churchwide Assembly passed LPF's resolution on the UN Decade for Peace. LPF is a significant resource for Lutherans.
- ❖ **Our resource center** contains 9,000 books, manuals, curricula, data bases, and audiovisuals, and we tap the resources of many other groups.
- ❖ **LPF advocacy updates** help Lutherans encourage elected officials to take leadership on pressing justice and peace issues. For example, we helped Lutherans gather more petitions for a global landmines ban than any other U.S. group!
- ❖ **LPF peace devotional materials** include litanies, bulletin inserts, sermons, a "peace deck," and a 50-page peace worship resource packet.
- ❖ **Our website** and **blog** feature dozens of education, advocacy, and worship materials, stories of faith in action, and timely updates on a range of current peace and justice issues: lutheranpeace.org
- ❖ **Leadership:** LPF leaders played a crucial role in passing the Chemical Weapons Treaty in the U.S. Senate. Our director served as U.S. delegate to UN Decade for Peace meetings held in India.

The Call to Peacemaking

The followers of Christ have been called to peace. And they must not only *have* peace but *make* it. And to that end they renounce all violence and tumult. In the cause of Christ nothing is to be gained by such methods. In so doing they overcome evil with good, and establish the peace of God in the midst of a world of war and hate. **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, Lutheran youth leader and pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi hero.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus is urging us to transcend both passivity and violence by finding a third way, one that is assertive and effective, yet nonviolent. **Walter Wink**

If we are honest, we find the temptation to vengeance in our own hearts. Yet we know that the first real victim of violence is the perpetrator. What Gandhi said is true: An eye for an eye results only in two blind persons. As militarism and terrorism tighten their grip on our way of life, we need to support each other in the risk of unconditional love, taking concrete actions in our world as well as in our personal life. **Mary Evelyn Jegen**

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has. **Margaret Mead**

